the passport work, computerization is being introduced. The first phase includes passport offices in Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Cochin;

(v) Complaints and Grievances Officers have been appointed in passport offices as well as at the Headquarters of the Central Passport Organisation in this Ministry to look after complaints from members of the public;

(vi) Passport application forms have been revised and made comprehensive and computer compatible;

(vii) Issue of passports have been simplified by abolishing the requirement of financial guarantee or verification certificate alongwith passport applications;

(viii) Inspection of passport offices by officers from the Headquarters is now being conducted more frequently to ensure that passport offices function more efficiently;

(ix) In order to ensure that the officials working in passport offices do not develop vested interests, officials are inter changed/transferred after periodic intervals;

(x) Work norms have been prescribed for each person so that daily out-put of employees is ensured.

(xi) Instructions have been issued to all passport officers in India to periodically review pending cases and take appropriate action including issuing of reminders;

(b) 558 applications for fresh passports were pending in Passport Offices, Bhubaneshwar as on 31-10-1986.

Reimbursement to Cooperative Weavers' Societies in Tamil Nadu

2775. SHRI T. R. BALU :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cooperative weavers' societies in Tamil Nadu at present, district-wise;

(b) what is the amount of rebate the Central Government reimbursed to these primary cooperative societies during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the amount given by Government to the apex body, Cooptex in this regard in each year during the last three years; and

(d) whether any memorandum has been received in this regard; if so, what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) (a) There are 1625 Societies in Tamil Nadu, District-wise number of these Societies are annexed in a Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The Central Government has not released any amount to Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies during the last three years as no claims have been preferred by the State.

(c) The following amounts were released to the Cooptex as Central Government share of special rebate during the last three years :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
450.00	543.00	407.68

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

Name of District	No. of weavers societies
Madras	11
Chingleput	154
North Arcot	131
Trichy	115
Pudukottai	3
Tanjavur	35
South Arcot	67
Saleem	190
Dharmapuri	10
Coimbatore	91
Periyar	187
Madurai	168
Kamarajar	197
Muthuramalingam	71
Chidambanar	115
Kanya Kumari	80
TOTAL :	1625